

Beginning on June 14 a series of regional meetings were held between representatives of this Department and State authorities concerned with the poliomyelitis vaccination program. In addition, regional representatives of the Department met in Washington June 20-23, inclusive, to help prepare regional personnel to assist State authorities in working out the State plans for vaccine distribution.

On June 16 a request was submitted to the Congress for \$4.5 million for grants to aid the States in administering (a) intrastate poliomyelitis vaccine distribution programs and (b) poliomyelitis vaccination programs. House hearings were held on this request on June 27, and the item was approved by the Appropriations Committee on July 12.

Recommendation No. 7: Enforcement of Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and State laws

Responsibility rests with the Food and Drug Administration for enforcing laws prohibiting unauthorized sales of Salk vaccine outside normal drug distribution channels. A request for additional funds in the amount of \$300,000 for this purpose was submitted to Congress on June 16, hearings were held in the House on June 27, and the House Appropriations Committee favorably reported the request on July 12.

Recommendation No. 8: Adherence to Priority Plan by Physicians; Record Keeping

The American Medical Association has endorsed the Department's proposal that physicians vaccinate only children within the priority age group 5-9 until further notice and has asked all the physicians of the nation to adhere to this recommendation. The Association has also asked physicians to keep records of the name and age of each child vaccinated, the date of vaccination, its site, the name of the manufacturer and the lot number of the vaccine used. This recommendation to its membership was